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SUBJ: TRADE ACT OF 1974 - GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

REF: (A) STATE 282967, (B) STATE 5883

1. IN MEETING JAN 9 WITH MOFA ECONOMICS DEPT DIRECTOR NURI KHALIL TO DISCUSS TRADE ACT OF 1974, EMBOFF PROVIDED LIST OF SUDANESE EXPORTS TO US IN 1971, 1972 AND 1973, TOGETHER WITH PREVAILING US IMPORT DUTIES ON COMMODITIES INVOLVED (COTTON, GUM ARABIC, SESAME, HIDES AND SKINS), EMBOFF EMPHASIZED USG NOW IN PRELIMINARY STAGES OF IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES AND COMMODITIES. WHILE REALIZING EXTENT OF POSSIBLE BENEFITS FROM GSP CANNOT YET BE DETERMINED, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL KNOW WHETHER OR NOT GOS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PRINCIPLE IN BEING ON ELIGIBILITY LIST.

2. IN RESPONSE KHALIL SAID, WHILE HE WOULD TAKE UP MATTER IMMEDIATELY WITH APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS, FINAL DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON EXAMINATION TEXT OF FULL ACT, WHICH HE HOPED EMBASSY COULD MAKE AVAILABLE SOON.

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HE ASKED ABOUT
EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES, EMBOFF EXPLAINED PRO-
VISION WAS ENACTED BY CONGRESS AGAINST WISHES OF EXECUTIVE.

3. AMBASSADOR SEPARATELY GAVE COPY PRESIDENT JAN 3
STATEMENT (STATE 1804) TO MINSTATE FONAFFS AHMED JAN 7.
AHMED ALSO REFERRED TO PROVISION EXCLUDING OPEC COUNTIES
BUT SAID HE HAD BEEN PLEASED TO NOTE PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS REGRETTING THIS PROVISION OF NEW LEGISLATION. HE
THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE GOOD EFFECT. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED
PRESIDENTS INABILITY UNDER OUR PROCEDURES VETO ONLY A
PORTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

4. COMMENT: SINCE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS TO SUDAN FORGSP PROVISIONS
APPEAR MODEST, AND SINCE EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES COULD
CREATE GO-SLOW ATTITUDE ON PART VOH DUE ITS CLOSE TIES
MAJOR ARAB OIL STATES, WE SUSPECT THAT NECESSARY "EXPRESSION
OF DESIRE" BY GOS UNDER SECTION 502 (C)(1) MAY NOT BE FORTH-
COMING SOON.

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